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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 63916-73525503@requests.muckrock.com

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RE: CISA Case Number 2019-NPFO-00220

Dear Ms. Best:

This acknowledges receipt of your May 15, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), for records relating to or mentioning Hacking Team, including communications (i.e. emails, memos, letters, etc.) to or from the organization, contracts, bids and invoices to or from the organization, as well as any records relating to the 2015 hack of the organization, the subsequent release of their files and the republication of their emails on the WikiLeaks website. Your request was received in this office on May 16, 2019.

After careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request is too broad in scope, did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the CISA program office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

In an email dated, May 23, 2019, you were asked to provide additional information that would assist us in determining what office would possess the records. You were also informed that the DHS Privacy FOIA Office handles contracts for CISA and they would require the contract number of the contract you are seeking. To assist you with determining the contract you were provided the website for the Federal Procurement Data Center;
https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng_cms/index.php/en/.

We also conducted a search of the files within the CISA, Cybersecurity Division for records responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the listed offices that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." You may also email to ogc@hq.dhs.gov. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the CISA FOIA Office. You may send an e-mail to CISAFOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV, or call 703-235-2211, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2019-NPFO-00220**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. To check the status of a CISA FOIA request, please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>. Please note that to check the status of a request, you must enter the 2019-NPFO-00220 tracking number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Washington', followed by a stylized flourish.

Angela Washington
Acting, FOIA Officer
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency